

PRESIDENT ENDORSES PRESENT PLAN FOR LOCK PANAMA CANAL

Sends a Special Message to Congress Putting O. K. on Report of Engineers.

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 17.—President Roosevelt today put his official O. K. on the present plan of construction of the Panama Canal. In submitting to Congress in a special message the report of the board of consulting engineers who recently accompanied President-elect Taft to the isthmus, the President cordially endorses their conclusion that the lock type of canal is the proper one. In fact, he says, "It would be inexcusable folly to change to a sea-level canal."

He also approves the lowering of the Gatun Dam twenty feet as recommended by the engineers and says he has directed this change to be made. The message in part follows:

"I am happy to report to you that the accompanying document shows in clearest fashion that the Congress was wise in the position it took and that it would be an inexcusable folly to change from the proposed lock canal to a sea-level canal. On this report not only determines definitely the type of canal, but makes it evident that hereafter, any attack on this

WHAT POLICE GAIN BY DECISION

All Men of More Than Four Years' Service Increased 35 Cents Per Day.

Patrolmen of Less Than Two Years' Service Gain 12 Cents Per Day.

Opinion of Supreme Court Follows Struggle of Year's Duration in Which Many Factors Have Part- icipated—Every Man in Department Benefited.

The decision of the Supreme court favorable to Policemen James H. Sullivan rendered yesterday at New Haven means that all of the patrolmen in Grade A, who are patrolmen of over four years' service, will receive an increase from \$2.90 to \$3.25 per day. The members of Grade B, men with service of between 2 and 4 years, will receive an increase from \$2.75 to \$3.00 per day. Grade C men, who are patrolmen with less than two years of service, will receive \$2.75 per day instead of \$2.63. The doormen also receives an increase.

All of the members of the force were paid on a per diem basis last year, which was a back pay for, for years, which the Board of Apportionment refused to appropriate. The expense upon the taxpayers will be increased two-fold this year.

It will be remembered that the budget to pay the police salary and payroll increase was \$10,175 and the amount the common council asked the board not to appropriate for water supply was \$12,000. The elimination of either of the two items were needed to bring the tax rate down to 15.6 mills. Mr. French introduced a resolution in his record book to the effect that the contract was made in good faith and that the board did not have time to enquire into the matter. On the police matter Mr. French opposed the appropriation of the money, although the Common Council had raised the pay of the police that he would like to have it decided whether the Board of Apportionment or the Board of Aldermen were Supreme. It developed later that Mr. French was a stockholder in the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.

Money for both this year's pay roll, as well as last year's will have to be provided by the tax board this year. The disbursement this year will be increased by an amount equal to about three-tenths of a mill.

City Auditor Keating who has contended that the policemen would receive their increase in wages included the sum in his record book of a year ago and also this year.

The opinion of the Supreme Court will undoubtedly be closely studied by the inhabitants of the province of Luristan and Buria are appealing for immediate aid. The devastation covers an enormous area of property in the country and every village in the province was engulfed.

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REAL ESTATE AGENT GETS 24 MONTHS

Livingston Pleads Guilty Upon Four Counts Charg- ing Embezzlement.

Seventeen-Year-Old Roma- na Gets Light Sentence Because of His Youth

Ball, for Setting Fire to Bot- tling Works, Gets One Year in Penitentiary— Judge Bennett Sentences Law Breakers.

James A. Livingston, who was agent for a number of local property owners and embezzled the money he obtained from rents, on his hearing before Judge Bennett in the criminal Superior court this morning, changed his plea to guilty on four counts and was given six months in jail on each.

Livingston took over the business, or pretended to take over the business, of the late J. S. Meade & Co., real estate dealer. He put the money obtained from rents to his personal use. When his assets became low he skipped to Canada, but returned to this city on the advice of the local detectives.

Michael Romano of this city, charged with committing an indecent assault upon a sixteen year old girl, was given four months in jail. Romano is a minor, being but 17 years of age. He and a crowd of youths, with which he had become associated, while in an intoxicated condition dragged the young girl along East Main street one night last December and committed an assault upon her. It was brought out by the State's Attorney that it was with the girl's consent that she was taken to two blocks into a side street. It was because of the nature of the case that the sentence was so light.

William D. Ball, of this city, was given a sentence of not more than two years in the State's penitentiary for setting fire to the bottling works, which he owned, at the corner of Iranistan and Maplewood avenues, for the purpose of collecting the insurance.

Henry "Curly" of this city, charged with statutory burglary on three counts, was given six months in jail on each.

Edward J. Cornell of Danbury, was given a year in jail for statutory burglary.

Nicholas Dissea of this city, also charged with statutory burglary, was given one year in jail.

John F. McGinley of Stamford, was given three months in jail for theft and three months for robbery.

Michael Kelly of Stamford, was given nine months in jail for simple assault.

BRANDEGEE WILL GO THE LIMIT

United States Senator Will Appear Before Commit- tee for "Old" Men.

Factional Contest Enlivened by High Officer's Will- ingness to Help Hawley.

Issue Will Be Joined Thurs- day Before Committee on Judiciary — "Young" Men Have Representative on the Committee.

By Our Special Correspondent.
Hartford, Feb. 17.—The fight over the judgeship of the city court of Bridgeport will be fought out in this city Thursday afternoon, Feb. 25, at 2 in the afternoon, at which time the Judiciary committee will hear the arguments, pro and con, of those who favor the appointment of Carl Foster as judge, and of F. L. Wilder as deputy judge, and those who favor Elbert O. Hull and Robert H. Gold for the same positions and oppose Foster and Wilder. The fight between the "old men" and the "young men" and promises to be decidedly lively.

The chief move made in Hartford today in the matter was the reference by the city court clerk of the resolution naming Hull and Gold to the committee on Judiciary and the House will join the issue of the two factions and the battle will be on. Both sides still express confidence in the outcome.

The hearing will draw the line closely between the supporters of both of the sides and there will be an outpouring of political arguments and faith from Bridgeport which will probably tax the committee room to the utmost. The decision of the committee upon the date of the hearing was announced to-day to give ample time for both sides to prepare.

Senator Brandegee, who sent the famous telegram which said in effect, "don't do anything till you see me," is going to take off his coat in behalf of the state of the "Old" men. He will show his friendship for Sheriff Hawley, who has also caused the cause of the old men, by appearing before the committee in favor of Foster and Wilder.

This is probably the first time a United States Senator has taken a personal part in a city court fight affecting the interests of Bridgeport, and his argument will be awaited with considerable interest.

Senator Brandegee will be in Bridgeport, Monday evening, when he will deliver an address before the Sons of American Revolution, at the Stratfield hotel, and it is probable that besides delivering a patriotic address, he will also do some wire pulling in the interest of the side he has espoused in the city court fight. He has announced his intention of taking off his coat and aiding, largely on account of his friendship for Sheriff Hawley, who favors the "Old" men's side of the controversy. "The fight is a merry one and no point will be lost by either side that can possibly be accomplished.

On the face of things the young men should have a prominent Yale man and have a representative upon the committee which will decide the question of committee recommendation. It is improbable that a committee recommendation will be overturned in the General Assembly.

TYPICAL ROOSEVELT MESSAGE

Was Speech of Herbert Knox Smith to Manu- facturers.

Banquet at Stratfield A Thorough Success In Every Respect

Congressman David A. De Armond Touches Upon Tariff—State Association May Be Formed—Topical Songs a Big Hit.

The dinner given by the Manufacturer's Association of the city of Bridgeport, at the Stratfield, last night, was as much of a success as it promoters hoped it would be. There will grow out of it the formation of an association of manufacturers to cover the entire State. The plan for such an organization was put forward by E. P. Bullard, Jr., who served in a double capacity last night as toastmaster and president of the Bridgeport association.

The special feature of the banquet, upon its serious side, was the speech by Herbert Knox Smith, who has been placed by President Roosevelt at the head of the Bureau of Corporations in the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Mr. Knox brought a typical Rooseveltian message, announcing the purpose of his bureau to promote the advantage of the "square deal" business man, and to put a short stop to the career of those limited groups of men who were seeking to monopolize the business of the country in an unfair way.

Mr. Knox laid much stress upon the necessity of publicity of corporate doings as a basis for corrective effort.

Congressman David A. DeArmond also made an interesting and witty address, in which he referred passingly to the tariff. He believes that Hancock, once Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States, had the philosophy of the tariff, and he said: "The tariff is a local question."

The details of the banquet were well arranged. The program was a unique sample of the printer's art. It was done in buff and gilt. A picture of a very pretty dragon was displayed upon it, above the legend, "If you see the way the way home, don't hurry, don't worry."

The topical song exercises were most inspiring. They were led by Loren Delbridge, William A. Tomlinson and a large number of other well known and lusty lunged vocalists.

Some skill had been brought to the writing of the verses, which produced roars of laughter as they were hurled forth.

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MAY INCREASE CAPITAL TO \$5,000,000

Bill Giving This Power to U. M. C. Co. Passes House This Morning.

Company Has Property of Far Greater Value Than Its Present Capitali- zation.

Its Lease of Property for a Longer Term Than Ten Years is Validated— House Chairman Parker Explains Resolution.

Hartford, Feb. 17.—The House today by a unanimous vote passed the resolution authorizing the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. of Bridgeport to increase its capital stock to a sum not to exceed \$5,000,000. The resolution amends the charter of the company as follows:

"That the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., incorporated June 27, 1873, is hereby authorized and empowered to increase its capital stock by issuing new shares of such stock from time to time at not less than par, for cash or its equivalent, and each new share shall be issued and disposed of in such manner and under such regulations as the stockholders of such company shall direct; provided, however, that the total amount of capital stock of said company shall not at any time exceed \$5,000,000."

It is also provided that the company may fix the par value of such shares at \$100 and may issue one share at par in exchange for four shares of outstanding stock.

The company, under the present charter, is not allowed to lease property for the purposes of its business, for a longer term than ten years, but it has leased property for longer terms, and it asked that such acts be validated, which the bill allows, and it is also given the same power of leasing land and buildings enjoyed by other corporations. The bill provides that before the amendment can be made effective it must receive the approval of a majority of the stockholders.

In explaining the favorable report upon the bill, House Chairman Parker said the company's lease of its business plant and extending the ramifications of the business; that the company intended to manufacture shot and other materials which enter into ammunition, and to extend its business generally. The bill passed without any opposition.

HOUSE MAY SIT FOUR DAYS WEEKLY

Leader Burnes Offers Reso- lution to Expedite Legis- lative Business—Conspir- acy Bill to Judiciary.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)
Hartford, Feb. 17.—House Leader Burnes of Greenwich, made the announcement today that he intended next week to introduce a resolution providing for four days sessions of the House each week, beginning next week, and that he wanted the members to think the matter over and be prepared to vote intelligently upon the subject when it came up for passage. He said he wanted a full expression of opinion and if the members of the House want Friday sessions he asked them to be on hand to vote for the resolution.

Representative Dunn of Willimantic, minority leader, interjected some life into the discussion by saying that it was intended to hold Friday sessions they should be held now and not wait till the former members of the Legislature became engaged in their spring plowing. He was against waiting, because this legislation is rushed through without proper consideration. He favored four sessions each week from now on, but said no man should vote for them unless he intended to be present and attend to legislative business.

A slight disagreement between the House and the Senate occurred today when a bill which repeals the significant portions of the conspiracy law came up for discussion.

The bill provides that where any act is committed which would not be criminal if performed by one person, should not be criminal if performed by two or more. The House referred the bill to the committee on Judiciary and the Senate referred it to the committee on Labor. It was returned to the House who voted for a committee on conference and insisted that the bill be referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The committee of conference with Messrs. Malone of Bristol and Clark of Bridgeport. The Senate concurred with the House in sending it to the committee on Judiciary.

The Senate went into executive session at the close of the regular session and confirmed the nominations of the three harbor commissioners of New Haven, Edward G. E. Harkness, Governor and Frank C. Bushnell. The following nominations were also considered: Louis Ferry, Hartford, and Dr. George H. Knight, Leavenworth, as members of the State Board of Pardons; Leonard H. Haley of Woodstock as a member of the State Board of Agriculture.

MURDER AND SUICIDE IN A TAXICAB

Tragedy in Reading, Pa., Streets for Which There is No Apparent Motive.

(Special from United Press.)
Reading, Pa., Feb. 17.—What the police term a murder and suicide but for which up to the present time it has been impossible to suggest a motive, took place early to-day when the bodies of Miss Stella Rocktaschel, prominent socially, and George Knaut, an inspector of the local telephone company, were found in a taxicab by persons attracted by revolver shots. The woman was lying in the bottom of the cab with a bullet through her brain which the man in whose hand was clutched a still warm revolver, had a bullet through the heart.

Knaut called the cab to the Arcade Hotel and he and Miss Rocktaschel got into it. He stepped out of the cab and stuck his head through the window and said: "Drive to an accident," he shouted. "Drive to the city hospital as quickly as you can."

But as the cab was being driven against the curb in front of the structure another shot rang out. When doctors and nurses attracted by the noise reached the vehicle they found both the occupants dead. The police are seeking a motive for the killing.

Later the police learned that Knaut had been paying attention to the girl and that at the request of her parents, she had decided to tell him he could not see her any more. This the police believe precipitated a quarrel and the killing followed.

SIXTY VILLAGES DESTROYED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

And Six Thousand Persons Are Reported as Killed in Luristan, Persia.

Shook Came January 23, But Absence of Communica- tion Delayed Receipt of News.

(Special from United Press.)
Teheran, Feb. 17.—Delayed messages received to-day from the provincial authorities of Luristan province say that sixty villages were destroyed and six thousand persons killed in an earthquake January 23.

At least 12,000 cattle were killed and the inhabitants of the province of Luristan and Buria are appealing for immediate aid. The devastation covers an enormous area of property in the country and every village in the province was engulfed.

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YALE GRADUATE CUTS HIS THROAT

Desperate Deed of F. R. Haight, City Editor of Register, While in Des- pondent Mood.

(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, Feb. 17.—F. R. Haight, city editor of the New Haven Register, and graduate of Yale, committed suicide early this morning by cutting his throat with a razor.

His body was found at 6:30 lying in a pool of blood on the sidewalk opposite the Phillips Gateway entrance to Yale campus.

Haight was a native of Hartford and a member of a well known family. He was a prominent Yale man and a member of the class of 1903. Despondency induced by ill-health and worry over legal matters is thought to have been the cause of his act. Haight was 29 years old and is survived by a brother Frank who is a traveling man for Swift & Company and resides in Newark, and a step-mother who is at present in Pasadena, California. While a student at Yale he was editor of the Yale Record. For the past three weeks he has been in a melancholy mood and at times threatened to end his life.

He was in comfortable financial circumstances. In addition to his salary he had an income from an estate left him by his father.

SILVER CHALICES GIVEN PARISH

Christ Church, of Norwalk, Benefits by Generosity of Mrs. Barnum.

(South Norwalk Sentinel, Feb. 16.)
Christ Parish, of East Norwalk, was the recipient of two large sterling silver chalices in the receipt of a package of a very ancient design. The presentation was by Miss Katherine Edden, of Bridgeport.

Some time ago there appeared in the Churchman an article relative to these chalices, giving a clear record of their having been handed down through several generations. They were then the property of Mrs. P. E. Barnum, of Bridgeport. Mrs. Barnum realizing their worth and sacredness, and convinced that they should become the property of some parish, had the most benefit, offered to give them to the parish where application was first received. Miss Edden, an ardent worker of Rev. J. H. Brown's Bridgeport parish, read the article and immediately made application for Christ parish of East Norwalk. A few days later Miss Edden was very agreeably surprised by the receipt of a package containing these chalices and a letter stating that her application was the first received, and that it afforded the donor much pleasure to place in her hands for Christ parish of East Norwalk this gift, which, she felt assured, would be highly prized by the parish.

At the communion service which followed the regular morning service the gift was used and Miss Edden as an honorary reward for her thoughtfulness and kindness, was the first to receive communion therefrom.

NORTHROP THREW CHECKS IN GUTTER

New Haven Man Acts Mil- lion Dollar Kid on the Street This Morning.

Jack Northrop, an agent for a New Haven fruit house, came over to Bridgeport this morning, to finish up a little spree which he had inaugurated in the city. He had a big roll of bills in his pocket. At 10 o'clock he wandered up Fairfield avenue carrying a rain coat. It had cleared up, and having no present use for the coat he threw it in the gutter with the same frolic of a multi-millionaire. He had a number of checks in his pocket, and as they were not collateral in this city he threw them in the gutter also. A friend had followed him from New Haven to this city and endeavored to get him home, but hope was nothing like Bridgeport and Northrop concluded to stay. Patrolman Peter Campana came along in time to see the performance and thought the station house was a good place for Northrop until he sobered up. Northrop explained to Capt. Hunt that he had won the cost at a raffle and some other details of his present situation. He will be allowed to sober up before he is released on a bond which he is ready to furnish at any time. He was well dressed and carried over \$100 in bills in his pocket besides valuable papers. He acted the part of a kid to perfection during his brief appearance here.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS MARCH 15

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 17.—It has been decided that the special Congress shall be called to meet on March 15. Representative Payne, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, made the announcement of the date in the House to-day.

One was as to whether or not the increase was illegal because of a provision in the charter of the city against the increase in the salary of any officer, agent or servant of the city to take effect during his term of office; and as to whether or not the increase was illegal because of a provision in the constitution of the state of Connecticut which prohibits the state from giving any gratuity to an officer, or making any increase in his salary, to take effect during his term of office; and also whether or not illegal because of the provision in the charter of the city that the city shall not contract for the expenditure of moneys not appropriated for the purpose.

The attorneys for the policemen contended that the money paid for the service of the police was not salary as contemplated by the charter and Constitutional amendment, notwithstanding that the charter when passed

STOP THE CHEMICAL

Telephone Call Which Roused Habitués of the Charities Building.

"Is that Ed Nevins?"
"Yes, talking."
"Say Ed stop the auto-chemical when it goes by you? The fire's out?"
A moment later half a dozen denizens of the charities department rushed out on Fairfield avenue and gazed toward Main street. No chemical appeared and a row of faces wearing broad grins in Youngs' window across the way explained why.

It is a fact—After the irregular movements in the first few minutes the market developed a strong tone and prices of a majority of the list moved upward.

Trading was extremely quiet after the first hour with fluctuations generally confined within narrow limits.

WALL STREET TO-DAY.

2,000 PERSONS WANTED TO attend the fair and exhibition of C. F. Hibernian Rifles, at Eagles' hall, Thursday evening, Feb. 18th. A good entertainment is guaranteed, all the latest popular dances. Gentlemen and ladies 50c; extra ladies 25c each. No objectionable persons allowed.

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TO RENT—Flat of five rooms, im- provements, to adults. 743 Iranistan Ave. B 16 u o

GRAND ANNUAL PIG ROAST SUPPER at Germania hall, February 18th. Tickets 50 cents including supper for gentlemen and lady. B 16 b p o

SPECIAL MEETING of the Central Labor Union will be held at Carpenter's Hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, at 8 o'clock. Per order of Flanagan, Pres. Geo. Madden, Sec. B 16 b p o

FOR SALE.—At a bargain, one bay horse, weight 1050, can be seen at Sterling's livery stable, 561 East Main St. B 16 s p o

WANTED.—Every one to attend what and dance given by Council 142, C. W. B. L. at Warner Institute, Wednesday evening, Feb. 17. Hand some prizes. Tickets 25c. B 15 u o

GREAT RELIEF from headache and constipation, Casca Laxative tablets, 25 cts. B 3 s o

CARD READER.—Advice on all affairs, 25c. Mrs. Levy, 674 Madison Ave., 4th house above North Ave. G 6 s t

FOR SALE.—Slightly used upright piano. Regular price \$350, for \$150. 844 Noble Ave. B 11 d o

FARM WANTED in this vicinity in exchange for a small room house, barn, etc., at Sauguttuck, Ct. near water, walk to Railroad Station and trolley. Box 227 Southport, Conn. B 11 d o

JAMES J. SHEEHAN, popular hatter, 974 E. Main St., has the goods, Cat and verify. H 30 t f 13 s

WE DO THE RIGHT kind of picture framing at lowest prices. Standard Art Store, 1219 Main St., Stratfield building. I 30 s s

THE BOSTON CLEANING AND DYEING CO., 137 Fairfield Ave. Our work the best. Our prices the lowest. I 16 t f 3 s s

PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 s 1 s o

HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe 158 Fairfield Avenue, Everhart's N. Y. Lager and Smith's Philadelphia Ale on draught. T 9 t f 13 s

CLAM CHOWDER every day; Ruppert's New York ale and lager; Dougherty's rye whiskey. Drew Bros., 1122 Main St. B 8 s 13 s o

FREE TO ALL.—Hot and cold lunch at Cummings & White's, Golden Hill and Middle Sts. T 30 s 12 s t

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, typewriter, mimeograph and notary public. Sears, 108 Meigs Building, Telephone 1011-12. B 14 t f 3 s o

BRATWURST, pigs' hocks, country pork a specialty. M. C. Nagel, 652 East Main St. G 7 t f 13 s

SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagel's, 652 East Main street. And John Porter's, 113 Warren St. The goods are made by Blitz at 95 State St. H 11 t f 13 s